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25X1A REF TELECON [REDACTED] 25 MAY 63. FOLLOWING IS VERBATIM COPY OF ARTICLE APPEARING IN LAS VEGAS "REVIEW JOURNAL" MORNING EDITION, SATURDAY, 25 MAY 63:  
QUOTE: NEW JET MISHAP FORCES SECOND PILOT BAILOUT. A F-105 THUNDERCHIEF, APPARENTLY ON A CLASSIFIED MISSION, CRASHED AND BURNED NEAR THE NEVADA-UTAH STATE LINE FRIDAY, OFFICIALS AT NELLIS AFB ANNOUNCED.

THE PILOT, WHO WAS UNIDENTIFIED, HAD TAKEN OFF EARLIER IN THE DAY AT NELLIS, AND PARACHUTED TO SAFETY FROM HIS DISABLED CRAFT 14 MILES SOUTHEAST OF WENDOVER, UTAH.

NELLIS OFFICIALS SAID THE SUPERSONIC PLANE WAS ATTACHED TO THE AIR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER AT WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO.

APPARENTLY THE BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT WAS ALL THAT WAS AUTHORIZED BY HIGH AIR FORCE OFFICIALS. IT WAS THE SECOND BAIL-OUT FOR AN AF PILOT IN THE NEVADA-UTAH AREA IN AS MANY DAYS.

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THURSDAY AN AIR FORCE PILOT ON A REFUELING MISSION HAD TO  
BAIL OUT OF HIS F-105 THUNDERBIRD JET AFTER TROUBLE DEVELOPED  
NEAR KANAB. THE PILOT, MAJOR [REDACTED] 42, TRAINING  
AT NELLIS AFB WAS UNHARMED. END QUOTE.

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VEGAS, SALT LAKE CITY AND LOS ANGELES.

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